

Application No. 10/517,021
Amendment dated November ___, 2005
Reply to Office Action of August 22, 2005

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following comments. Claims 1 and 2 have been canceled. Claim 3 has been amended to include the elements of claim 4, which has subsequently been canceled. New claims 5-8 have been added to round out the potential scope of protection. No new matter has been entered as a result of these amendments.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection of claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Umeya, U.S. Patent No. 5,859,122. Claims 1 and 2 have been canceled, thereby rendering the rejection moot. Applicants do not concede the correctness of the rejection. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection of claims 3 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Umeya, U.S. Patent No. 5,859,122. As presently recited, claim 3 describes a bonded structure that includes a base material, a primer layer disposed over the base material, and an adhesive sheet disposed over the primer layer. The base material includes a plasticizing resin layer that includes a resin and a plasticizer for the resin. The primer layer includes a polymer containing a polycarbonate polyurethane having a polycarbonate polyol-derived repeating unit. The primer layer exhibits plasticizer resistance such that plasticizers present within the plasticizing resin layer are prevented from migrating into, and thus interfering with, the adhesive layer.

Umeya does not teach the claimed invention. Umeya describes a resin composition, but does not teach or suggest a bonded structure including the claimed primer layer exhibiting plasticizer resistance, and thereby protecting an adhesive layer disposed over the primer layer from plasticizers present in a base material under the primer layer. Umeya does not teach or suggest the claimed invention. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's assertion that a piece of tape stuck to a painted wall or a plastic counter reads on the claimed invention. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claims. Prompt passage to issue is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner feel a telephone interview would be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact their representative at the number listed below.

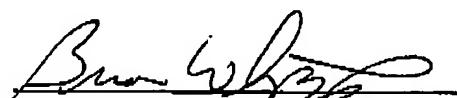
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